

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 remain pending in the present case.

OBJECTIONS

Claim 19 is objected to for depending upon itself and lacking antecedent basis. Applicant has amended Claim 19 to depend from Claim 18. Applicant respectfully asserts an antecedent basis for "said request" exists in Claim 18.

Claim 4 is objected to for lacking antecedent basis. Applicant has amended Claim 4 to depend from Claim 3 which has an antecedent basis for "said authorization indicator".

Claim 8 is objected to for lacking antecedent basis. Applicant has amended Claim 8 to correct the antecedent basis.

112 REJECTIONS

Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 8 is now clear.

102 REJECTIONS

In the above referenced Office Action, Claims 1, 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated Goldman (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0233418 A1). Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the Goldman reference.

With regards to Claim 1, Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach the invention as recited in Claim 1. For example, Claim 1 recites in part:

... receiving a request for authorization to forward an electronic mail message;
responding to said request for authorization to forward said electronic
mail message ;

To the extent the Goldman reference may mention when an incoming message is received a request module sends a request to the sender's address [0056], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach receiving a request for authorization to forward an electronic mail message. To the extent the request (emphasis added) is sent (emphasis added) to (emphasis added) the sender's address in the Goldman reference, Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach responding to a request from a sender requesting authorization to forward an electronic mail message.

With respect to Claim 11, to the extent the Goldman reference may mention managing data associated with incoming electronic messages [Abstract], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach formulating a request for permission to forward an electronic message including a permission request source address.

With respect to Claim 17, to the extent the Goldman reference may mention managing data associated with incoming electronic messages and categorizing sender's addresses as authorized, unauthorized or unconfirmed, Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach obtaining a verification indication (Emphasis added).

In the above referenced Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated Kaminski et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0044155A1). Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the Kaminski et al. reference.

With respect to Claim 1 and 11 the present Office Action acknowledges in paragraph 35 the Kaminski et al. reference does not teach verifying the source address included in the received electronic message against the address the authorization indicator is sent to.

With respect to Claim 17, similarly Applicant respectfully asserts the Kaminski et al. reference does not teach forwarding an unsolicited electronic message with said verification indication from an address said verification indication was sent to.

103 REJECTIONS

The present Office Action rejects Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kaminski et al. in view of Goldman. Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention is neither shown nor suggested by the Kaminski et al. and Goldman references alone or together in combination.

Applicant has cancelled Claim 10 and respectfully assert the rejection of Claim 10 is moot.

With respect to amended Claims 1 and 11, to the extent the amended limitations are similar to the rejections presented in the present Office Action with respect to Claim 10, Applicant respectfully asserts the present claimed invention is not taught or rendered obvious by the Kaminski et al. and Goldman references alone or together in combination.

The present Office Action acknowledges the Kaminski et al. reference does not teach verifying the source address included in the received electronic message against the address the authorization indicator is sent to. Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not overcome these and other shortcomings of the Kaminski et al. reference. To the extent the Goldman reference may mention sending a request to the domain of the sender's address and the manager can verify whether the purported sender's address is a valid address [0063], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach verifying the source address included in the received electronic message against the address the authorization indicator is sent to. In addition, Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach an authorization indicator is sent to an address.

Applicant respectfully asserts Claims 2 - 9, 12 - 16 and 18 - 20 are allowable as depending from allowable independent Claims 1, 11 and 17 respectively.

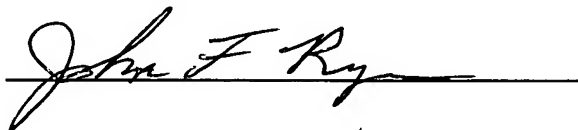
CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. Ryan", is written over a horizontal line.

John F. Ryan.

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